

RAILROAD TO OREGON.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND,

RELATIVE TO

*Asa Whitney's plan of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.*

MARCH 28, 1848.

Referred to the Select Committee this day directed to be appointed upon this subject, and ordered to be printed.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, *January 26, 1848.*

Whereas the construction of a railroad across the continent of North America would make the United States the great highway between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia—would greatly facilitate our own intercourse with those regions—would tend to consolidate our Union—would connect and bind Oregon and the Pacific coast to us, and would give a fresh impulse to our great agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests; and whereas this stupendous work can be accomplished, and the public lands constitute a fund appropriate for defraying the expenses of such an undertaking, as a small part of them would furnish the means, and the value of the remainder would be greatly enhanced thereby; and whereas the plan of Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, in its great outlines is, in our opinion, feasible for the accomplishment of this great undertaking, which should be commenced as soon as practicable: Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That we approve of Mr. Whitney's plan, as explained by himself to us, of constructing a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean from an appropriation of the public lands on its line, connecting the sale and settlement of the lands with the building of the road; making it an individual enterprise, still under the control of Congress.

*Resolved,* That we recommend this measure to the favorable consideration of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

*Resolved,* That his excellency the governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Executive of each State in the Union, and a like copy to the Senators and members of the House of Representatives from this State in Congress.

By order:

True copy—Test:

GEO. W. BREWER, *Clerk.*

RICHARD W. GILL,

*Clerk Court of Appeals, W. S.*

